

Raif Badawi (m)

Adoption Status: Not Adopted

Country: Saudi Arabia

Occupation: Founder and editor of the *Free Saudi Liberals* website which encourages religious and political debate.

Detained Since: June 2012



Charges: Apostasy, “insulting Islam through electronic channels,” and “parental disobedience.”

Sentence: 10 years imprisonment and 1,000 lashes

Additional: On July 29, 2013 Badawi was sentenced by the court to 600 lashes, seven years in prison and his website was ordered closed. Badawi received five years for insulting Islam and violating provisions of Saudi Arabia’s 2007 anti-cybercrime law through his liberal website, affirming that liberalism is akin to unbelief; two years for insulting both Islam and the Committee for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice (CPVPV), or religious police, in comments during television interviews; and three months for “parental disobedience,” apparently because of Badawi’s numerous public confrontations with his father over the years.

Badawi had appealed his original 2013 conviction and on May 8, 2014 after the retrial was ordered, was given a new sentence of 10 years in prison and 1,000 lashes by a Saudi court for insulting Islam

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